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Below is a list of Czechoslovak plants for the production of textile machinery. I have given the former names of the factories (before the final nationalization of industrial plants in 1948) because I do not remember the new names. I believe this list includes about 90% of the Czechoslovak textile machinery plants. As to the remaining 10%, I cannot remember the names or locations of the plants.

## 1. As /5013N-1211E/

A factory for the production of textile dyeing machinery. The products were of a high quality. I do not remember the name of this factory.

## 2. Brno

- a. Fa. Schieferstein & Dvoracek, production of textile dyeing machinery.
- b. Fa. Hoffarth, production of textile dyeing machinery.
- c. Fa. Ignac Storek had an excellent foundry and made very good machinery. It produced cast steel and cast stainless steel called "staybritt" for centrifugal pumps of textile dyeing machines.
- d. Fa. Wirth (or Wirtz) produced shearing machines.
- e. Brno Armament Plant (Zbrojovka Brno), National Enterprise, produced all kinds of textile machines and also sewing machines of the "Zetina" brand until summer 1952.
- f. Prototypa. National Enterprise, designing of textile machines of all kinds.

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## 3. Ceske Budejovice

Igla, National Enterprise, production of latch needles, spring beard needles, and spindles for knitting machines. The plant was established in 1946 and 1947. A few needle and spindle factories in north Bohemia were united and put under the jurisdiction of the Igla Plant. A factory in Krasna Lipa /5054N-1431E/ was transferred to Ceske Budejovice. (Fnu) PATLOKA, former textile machinery expert at the Bata Works in Gottwaldov, was production manager at the Igla Plant.

## 4. Chrastava /5049N-1459E/

There were several factories for production of textile machines of different kinds in Chrastava. One of them produced automatic spooling machines for cotton weft. I do not remember the names of the factories there.

## 5. Gottwaldov

Svit, National Enterprise, production of textile machines of different kinds. [REDACTED]

## 6. Havlickuv Brod /4937N-1535E/

Fa. Mahler, repair of knitting machines.

## 7. Hradek nad Nisou /5051N-1451E/

A factory, of which I do not remember the name, for production of various textile machines.

## 8. Jirikov /5059N-1435E/

There were two factories for production of cotton and wool looms in Jirikov, but I do not remember the names of them. One factory was probably called Roscher. Ing. (fnu) HALEK, former designer of machines at the Bata Works in Gottwaldov, held an important position in one of these two factories.

## 9. Liberec

- a. Fa. Mohr, production of textile dyeing machines.
- b. A factory for production of cotton centrifuges. I do not remember the name of this factory.

## 10. Lutin

Sigma Pumps (Sigma Pumpy), National Enterprise, produced pumps for rayon production.

## 11. Opava

Mila, National Enterprise, sewing machine factory.

## 12. Opocno /5016N-1607E/

Fa. Zima, machinery. This plant produced uptwisters for the Silon Plant in Plana nad Luznici /4921N-1442E/. A total of 65 of these machines was ordered in 1952. One uptwister was produced weekly. The price for one uptwister was 1,200,000 Kcs., while the same machines made in Switzerland cost only 400,000 Kcs.

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## 13. Prague

- a. Fa. Havelka & Mez, textile washing and dyeing machinery.
- b. Fa. Kellerstein produced machines for cleaning textiles by means of trichlorethylene.

## 14. Rumburk /5057N-1434E/

Textilstav, National Enterprise. I believe this was essentially a managing staff for several textile machine production plants in Rumburk and its vicinity.

## 15. Sobeslav /4916N-1443E/

Fa. Lada, production of sewing machines.

## 16. Stenberk /4944N-1718E/

Fa. Bohuslav Sevcik, production of sewing machines. SEVCIK was former manager of the Bata machinery production branch.

## 17. Tanvald /5044N-1518E/

A factory, of which I do not remember the name, for production of flax scutching machines. Josef ROPEK, a former Bata employee, was manager of this factory.

## 18. Trebic /4913N-1553E/

Karosvit National Enterprise, production of knitting machines.

## 19. Tyniste nad Orlici /5010N-1605E/

Fa. Hrdina, production of automatic looms.

## 20. Svit, formerly Batizovce /4905N-2012E/

Chemosvit-Svit National Enterprise. This plant produced all the machines necessary for the new "Zavod mir" rayon plant in Bratislava. For the plant at Svit, see [redacted].

## 21. Varnsdorf /5055N-1437E/

A few small plants for production of different textile machines. I do not remember the names of these factories.

## 22. Vejprty /5030N-1202E/

Fa. Bartl, production of braiding machines for laces.

## 23. Zandov /5053N-1424E/

Zandov machinery. This was an old plant for the production of cotton looms.

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